Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 14 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 15 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Oct 2023 at 02:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold, windy and showery conditions on Saturday then for gradual change to milder and more settled weather by early next week.

Headline for Saturday 14 Oct 2023: Bitterly cold with strong winds and a few snow showers. Fewer showers in southeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 14 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: Clear or bright spells and a few snow showers, falling as rain or sleet below 500m. The showers most frequent across western parts of Lochaber and Argyll with longer dry and sunny spells in the southeast towards Ben Lomond and Trossachs. Windy and very cold conditions.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%. Summits will regularly clear between showers especially in the southeast.

Low Cloud and visibility: Long spells of excellent visibility between showers but briefly poor as showers move through with cloud descending to 500m at times in the west but closer to 800m in the southeast.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	38/45 NW	33/40 NW	27/36 NW	25/33 NW	24/31 N	23/28 N	22/27 NW
900	21/28 NW	19/26 NW	21/29 NW	19/26 NW	16/22 NW	12/17 NW	14/20 NW
600	21/26 W	18/24 W	19/26 NW	18/24 NW	15/20 N	10/15 SW	11/15 W
300	12/17 NW	12/18 NW	13/20 NW	12/19 NW	10/15 N	5/9 N	6/10 NW
Glen	5/15 W	8/17 W	10/19 NW	9/18 NW	7/14 NW	4/8 SW	4/10 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-5/-15	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-5/-13	-5/-13	-5/-13
900	-2/-9	-1/-8	-0/-7	-0/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8
600	1/-5	1/-5	2/-3	2/-3	0/-5	0/-4	-0/-5
300	4/-0	4/-0	5/1	5/1	3/-1	2/-0	2/-1
Glen	5/3	6/4	8/5	7/5	5/3	4/3	4/2
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	500m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Advice from our partners at Mountaineering Scotland: Saturday will bring the first taste of full winter weather in the hills this autumn with strong winds, severe wind chill and snow showers in the forecast. Please ensure you have the correct clothing, equipment and skills required and choose a route appropriate for the conditions. Remember to be flexible with plans and consider enjoying a low-level route if the conditions up high look too much.
www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/thinkwinter

Forecast for Sunday 15 Oct 2023

Weather: Rather cloudy with further showers, with falling snow above 500m at first but rising to 900m by the afternoon as slightly milder air arrives from the west. Becoming mainly dry with longer sunny spells in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25-30mph gusts 40mph, slowly easing.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 70% in afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud above 600m in the morning, mainly in the west, but becoming more scattered and lifting in the afternoon. Mainly good visibility, occasionally poor in wintry showers in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2C rising to 9C.
At 800m: Minus 3C rising to Plus 1C.
Freezing level: 400m rising to 900m.

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